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HOLTON FAMILY HAS A REUNION LARGE ATTENDANCE RECORDED

William Holton Was The Ancestor

The eighth bi-annual reunion of the Holton Family association was held at the Northfield hotel and Chateau last Saturday, Sept. 4, with an attendance of over eighty from all parts of New England, New York, New Jersey, and Ohio. Mrs. Ellen Ferris Scofield and her daughters, Harriet, the historian, Miriam and Julia came from Cleveland, Ohio, the farthest point. The association traces its origin to William Holton, who came to this country in 1634 from England and became one of the "original proprietors" of Hartford, Ct. Later he migrated to Northampton, Mass., and while there was granted land here in Northfield, which was taken up by one of his grandsons. One of the most distinguished descendants of William Holton is Dwight L. Moody, world-famous evangelist, and founder of the Northfield Schools, whose 100th birthday has been celebrated this year all over the English-speaking world. Mr. Moody's mother was Betsey Holton Moody.

The business meeting was called to order by President Ernest Hyde Holton of New York City at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning. After the singing of "America," the invocation was given by Rev. Charles Sumner Holton of Newburyport, Mass., a former president.

The following names of those who had died during the past year were read by Miss Elsie F. Packer, Hartford, Ct., the secretary: Miss Edith Bagnell, Springfield, Mass.; Arthur Bath, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Frederick Butler, Rutland, Vt.; Mrs. Minnie Holton Callender, Mt. Hermon, N. Y.; Charles H. Holton, New York; Charles Lindsey Holton, Macomb, Ill.; Ernest E. Holton, Keene, N. H.; Frederick H. Holton, Milwaukee, Wis.; Joel Huntington Holton, Westminster, Vt.; Mrs. Clarence Pike, Saugus, Mass.; George Arthur Smith, Yonkers, N. Y.; Edwin F. Stratton, Northampton, Mass.; Mrs. Emory L. Holton, Winchester, N. H.; Robert Goodyear Holton, Los Angeles, Calif.; Winfred Bryon Holton, New York City. Rev. Charles Leonard Holton of Raynham, Mass., gave a memorial to Mrs. Minnie Callender, who was active in founding the association, and who was formerly a secretary and later historian of the association, and offered prayer for all who had passed away since the last reunion of the association. A resolution of appreciation was passed for the faithful and loyal service of Mrs. Minnie H. Callender who was, in addition to her other offices, for many years a member of the executive committee as well as other committees. Until her death she occupied the Henry C. Holton home, which was built in colonial times and has remained in the family ever since.

Officers elected for the next two years were: Ernest Hyde Holton, New York City, reelected president; George Alanson Holton, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., first vice-president; Albert G. Moody, East Northfield, second vice-president; secretary, Miss Elsie F. Packer, Hartford, Ct.; treasurer, A. Gordon Moody, East Northfield; auditor, Nelson L. Elmer, Springfield, Mass.; historian, Miss Harriet Scofield, Cleveland, Ohio; executive committee, Major Herbert Miles Holton, New York, George Wallace Holton, Hartford, Ct., Mrs. Ruth H. Sandstrom, New York City, and Dr. Horace F. Holton, Brockton, Mass.

The oldest member present was Mrs. Ella Alexander of Worcester, Mass., 91 years old. President Ernest H. Holton presented to the association a Civil War flag handed down to him by his aunt, Mrs. Francis H. Holton. This had belonged to Mr. Holton's uncle, who was born in Northfield and was a cousin of Dwight L. Moody. Mr. Holton also presented a deed for a Holton lot in Mt. Hermon cemetery, where the early members of the Lemuel Holton branch lie buried. Joel Herbert Holton of Bridgeport, Ct., told of plans to erect a memorial stone marker to William Holton (1) in Northampton, Mass., where he died.

Those attending the reunion were: Miss Effie Alexander and Mrs. Ella Alexander of Worcester; Miss Dorothy Armstrong, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs.

Greenfield Fair Will Open On Monday

Fireworks and thrilling vaudeville tops the program opening Monday night at Greenfield.

With a record advance sale of tickets, it is predicted that new attendance records for the 88th annual county fair will be established.

The cattle barns will be taxed to capacity with a fine showing of the best breeds in this section. Every inch of space has been taken for the displays of fruits and vegetables, canned products and homestead exhibits. The midway has been augmented and will contain many new thrill features never before shown in the east.

Seven fast harness races will provide some hot contests for the followers of the sport of kings. The track is in splendid condition and it is expected that local records will be established.

Additional expenditures have been made for the free vaudeville attractions, the horse and steer drawing contests and the horse shoe pitching tournament. The poultry show and the 4-H exhibits will be outstanding.

The opening feature of the fair will be staged at 7 o'clock Monday evening when a concert by the Greenfield Military band will open a vaudeville program of fourteen acts. Featured for this evening's program will be dancers presented by Mrs. Virginia Guilford, Bubbles, the cloud kissing Venus, the tumbling Comiques, the Ricardos, internationally famous acrobats, the Robeys, jugglers with a smile, Tokawa with something new from the Orient, and Valencis who thrills 175 feet in the air. Concluding the evening's program will be the largest and most spectacular display of fireworks ever presented by the fair.

The program for Tuesday will include four racing events, log chopping contest, drawing contests for cattle and judging of live stock and other exhibits. The entertainment program will be repeated identically the same as on Monday evening, including the huge fireworks display.

Wednesday has been designated as junior day and the program includes a county-wide interscholastic athletic meet, junior judging contests, horse shoe pitching tournament, horse racing and the annual fair parade complete with bands, live stock, 4-H clubs and floats.

"The whole program will be the most entertaining ever given at the fair and those who wish to see everything are advised to come early and stay late."

Thomas H. Carlisle, Plattsburgh, N. Y.; Mrs. Sarah Holton Eberhardt, Amherst; Nelson L. Elmer, Springfield; Lucy H. Folstead, Mt. Hermon; Arthur W. Gardner, Greenfield; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hargrave, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Holton, Norwood; Charles E. Holton and wife, Worcester; Charles Leonard Holton and wife, Raynham; Charles Sumner Holton and wife, Newburyport; Mrs. Edward P. Holton, Newburyport; Edward E. Holton, Springfield; Ernest H. Holton, and wife, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Frank H. Holton and daughter, Ockville, Ct.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Holton, East Northfield; George Alanson Holton and wife, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Harry C. Holton, Mt. Hermon; Harry W. Holton and Lucius Henry Holton and Florence W. Holton, of Holden; Herbert Miles Holton and wife, New York City.

Also, Miss Trudy Lund Holton, New York City; Horace F. Holton and John Berry Holton, Brockton; John W. Holton and wife of Providence, R. I.; Mrs. Mary E. Holton and Miss Ruth Rebecca Holton, Turners Falls; Joel Herbert Holton, Bridgeport, Ct.; Mrs. W. B. Holton, Forest Hills, N. Y.; James W. Mann and wife, Mabel M. Meloon, Medford Hills; Jessie R. Merrill, Worcester; Mrs. Louise Moody Merrill, Providence, R. I.; Albert G. Moody, East Northfield; A. Gordon Moody, East Northfield; Miss Elsie F. Packer, Hartford, Ct.; Alexander Le Fever Pugh and wife and daughter, Elizabeth, N. J.; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Purinton, Dover-Foxcroft, Me.; Myra C. H. Roberts, Bridgewater; Mrs. Ellen Ferris Scofield, Misses Harriet, Miriam and Julia Scofield, Cleveland, Ohio; Frank H. Snow, wife and son, Frederick, Greenfield; Charles D. Street and wife, Mt. Hermon; Walter G. Wood and wife, Springfield.

Schools Are Open; Hermion - Seminary Open On Monday

The school bells have rung and on Tuesday morning hundreds of the young folks of this town turned their faces toward the class rooms. The total registration is not as large as last year and the senior class of the high school will number only 14. The staff of teachers remain without change except that Robert N. Leonard of Abington, a graduate of the four-year Junior High of the Bridgewater Teachers' college will become Principal of the Center school to take the place of Melvin Glazier.

The complete roster of teachers in our schools for the season of 1937-38 is as follows: Richard A. Cobb, Evelyn G. Lawley, Julia B. Austin, Elizabeth Eastman, Flora K. Tait, Robert N. Leonard, Constance Abbott, Helen M. Vorce, Mary E. Dalton, June H. Wright, Esther M. Williams, Marjorie C. Buck, Ada I. Bready, Elizabeth G. Braley, Beatrice Cembalisky, Dorothy O. Tolman and Verna B. Eastman.

The superintendent of schools is Linville W. Robbins and the school committee consists of Irving J. Lawrence, Mrs. Carroll Miller and Edgar Livingston.

Mount Hermon School and the Northfield seminary will open on Monday. Hermon has a capacity enrollment of 570 boys and the seminary with 540 girls. About 450 boys and girls will be first comers this year. Several of our local young people will study at both institutions.

The Weather With Its Heat and Humidity

The highest mean temperature for August that has ever been recorded in the last hundred years was our experience during the past month and September is coming in also with a record breaker. The official record at the State college shows that temperatures have run from 50 to 95 degrees. The mean relative humidity was 75.1 percent. Rainfall was plenty, and the total since January first is 34.62 inches, much above the normal.

Storm, thunder and lightning, have come at frequent intervals. How we have sweated. Our residents who go south each winter say there was nothing like in Florida all last season. Humans and animals suffered in the broiling rays of the sun and the fearful trembled with the long flashes of thunder and the sharp flashes of lightning. The house of Fred White on the Northfield Farms road was struck last week Thursday evening doing some damage and last week Friday evening trees on the hilltops seemed to be the targets. Wanamaker Pond has been crowded with swimmers the hot afternoons but with little relief. Too bad some of the heat could not be bottled up for release this coming winter to refresh our coming cold season.

Back To "Wein"

Dr. and Mrs. Henry F. Cutler, who have been at their home here since the middle of June, began the journey to their foreign abode at Vienna, Austria, last Tuesday morning. They left Northfield delighted with the opportunities of their visit and happy with the recollection of the meeting of so many of their good friends. Dr. Cutler, who is a trustee of the Northfield Schools and former headmaster of Mount Hermon school greeted "his boys" at the Hermon reunion last June and since has attended many of the sessions of the various conferences held this summer. He now returns to continue his study of medicine and surgery which will occupy the major portion of another two years.

To the Editor of the Press, before leaving, Dr. Cutler expressed the pleasure he and his good wife have had in their vacation days and visit home in Northfield. Good-bye to all and "Mizpah" said Dr. Cutler to which the Editor extended the best wishes of all for a safe journey by land and sea and a happiness for the ensuing days. Suffice it to say the Doctor arranged for a continuance of his subscription to the Northfield Press at his Vienna address.

Suffers Injury

Late last Monday evening Miss Alma Levering of the Winchester road accidentally fell down a flight of steps at her home and suffered serious injuries. She was taken to the Farren hospital for examination and treatment. It is said that she was preparing for her trip to Florida with her brother soon and was engaged in arranging for her luggage.

C. V. Freight Train Smashes Automobile At Road Crossing

On the Boliski crossing on the road running from No. 3 school a freight train of the Central Vermont R. R. going north crashed an automobile driven by Donald Truesdell, foreman of the Jewett Pickle Farm Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock. Truesdell was on his way to his home from Pine meadow where he had gone on business. It was extremely foggy at the time and he did not see the approaching train until too late when he made an abrupt turn and the engine caught the car in the center of the back and tossed it over several times. The car was a complete wreck. The force of the collision was sufficient to catapult Truesdell and his dog out through the top of the car to the ground. The dog scampered away and Truesdell was brought on the train to the Northfield station where Dr. Dean had been summoned. Dr. Dean found him considerably bruised and with a slight cut which was cared for and Truesdell returned to his home. Employees of the Morgan Garage removed the wrecked car.

The Haigis Radio Is Our Advantage

Although a favorable report has been made for the establishment of a radio broadcasting station at Greenfield by Hon. John W. Haigis, the final permit is being awaited from the Federal Commission, before the actual construction of the plant begins. It is expected that the station and towers will be located on Shelburne street just west of the Edgemere filling station. The low swampy land here affords an ideal situation.

The studio will be on the third floor of the Mansion House where arrangements have been made with Richard Hall manager of the hotel, to occupy six rooms.

The station will broadcast during the day only on 250 watts and the operation of the broadcasting station, will be of considerable advantage to Northfield, as perhaps here will be found events and happenings of world wide interest more than from any other town in the county. Important conferences and conventions meet here throughout the year and artists and speakers of national reputation gather in our midst. The broadcasting station will be Northfield's opportunity. Shall we take advantage of it. Mr. Haigis expects that we shall.

Mrs. Alice Woodbury

Death came to Mrs. Alice L. Woodbury suddenly last Friday evening at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. Lee Bolton where she had just gone to make her home. She was 86 years of age the daughter of Jesse and Betsey (Mixer) Dunklee of Halifax, Vt. For over 70 years she had made her home in East Northfield. She married Elliott L. Lyman of Northfield who died in 1898 and later married Richard W. Woodbury who died in 1920. She came from a family of ten children of whom her brother is now the sole survivor. She was a member of the Congregational church and the Woman's Relief Corps and was much interested in local affairs.

Following Mr. Lyman's death and for several years she opened her home to conference guests and was well known among them. She also had considerable interest in real estate and developed the section for summer residents of what is now known as Mountain Park, disposing of that part of the Lyman estate to the west of Winchester road to the Northfield seminary.

Surviving are her four daughters by the first marriage, Mrs. Mabel Bonney of Utica, N. Y.; Mrs. Lillian A. Carr and Mrs. Annie E. Bolton of East Northfield and Mrs. Violet L. Snell of Greenwich, N. Y. (a son, Jesse, died in 1916). Also one brother, Albert Dunklee of Providence, R. I. Also five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Congregational church with Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiating and burial was in the Bonnyvale cemetery at West Brattleboro in the family plot where for nine generations the family life buried.

Plan Delegation From Here To The Treadway Affair

Everything seems to be all set for the rousing big reception to be given our good friend and Congressman Allen T. Treadway at Mountain Park, Holyoke, on Saturday, Sept. 18. It will be an anniversary of 25 years in Congress and his 70th birthday. Prominent men and women in public office, leaders of the Republican party, many good Democrats and above all a host of his friends are expected to be present and enjoy a good time and personally greet the honored guest. The Northfield committee which consists of Albert G. Moody, Fred A. Holton, George W. Carr, Mrs. Albert G. Moody, Mrs. L. A. Polhemus and Mrs. Dorothy Miller, met at the town hall Wednesday evening to further local cooperation. This committee is a part of the General committee which represents the county and other places within the Congressional district. The committee hopes that all who can arrange their plans to go to Holyoke will do so.

Refreshments will be served to all attending. There will be autos for transportation and any who desire to attend, needing transportation should notify some member of the committee. A. G. Moody is chairman of the local committee.

Dickinson Library Receives Book Gift

A handsome set of nine volumes containing the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments with many full page illustrations which add much value to the work has been presented to our library by Mrs. Warren L. Wheaton of Wheaton, Ill., and Mrs. James W. Fife of Kansas City, Missouri, in memory of their mother, Mrs. Anna E. Stoddard, for many years the owner and occupant during the summer, of Wheaton cottage on Rustic Ridge. These volumes were a part of her library and are now in Dickinson library for reference but not for circulation.

Golf Tournament Held On Labor Day

The Labor Day tournament at the hotel course was won by Charles Round of Providence, R. I. with a gross score of 74. After a first nine of 33, Round slipped to a 41 on the second nine. First net was won by Norman Cook of the Longmeadow club of Springfield. Carl Reed of Northfield and Ralph Raymond of Boston tied for second gross with 75.

Second net was captured by Paul Ropes of Miami, Fla., and the Ridge with a 69; third net by Robert Watson of Jamaica, L. I., who was spending the week-end with his father on the Ridge, he turned in a net score of 71. There were 23 entries in the tournament.

Dr. Speer Was 70

Dr. Robert E. Speer, a trustee of the Northfield Schools, who retired last May as secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions is observing his 70th birthday today at his home in Lakeville, Ct. Members of his family, including his wife, his son William, who is a teacher at Shady Hill school in Cambridge, his daughter, Miss Margaret Bailey Speer, who is dean of women at Yensing University in China will all be present.

The many friends in Northfield will wish for Dr. Speer many more years of usefulness on this, his birthday. He was greeted by many during his visit here this summer. He is to devote his future time to writing.

The Garden Club

The Northfield Garden club will hold its annual meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Polhemus next Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Officers for the coming year will be elected and reports of the year's activities will be read. Also the final plans for the show in Springfield, Sept. 19-25 will be made. The rest of the evening will be of a social nature with suggestions for the program of the year and for the flower show as leading topics of conversation.

Gatherings Booked

Announced gatherings and conferences which will be held in Northfield at the Northfield hotel this fall season include a session of the Albany, N. Y. Presbytery on Sept. 20-22; the Congregational Ministers' Retreat on Sept. 28; and the Unitarian Laymen's League, Oct. 1-3.

SEMINARY ENTERTAINMENT COURSE FOR THE SEASON ANNOUNCED

Opening Number Is Sept. 25
With Cornelia Otis Skinner



Cornelia Otis Skinner, who is the talented daughter of Otis Skinner, celebrated actor, and who has just completed a most successful London season during which time she viewed the dress rehearsal of the coronation from a seat reserved for the royal household, will appear at the Northfield Auditorium on Saturday evening, Sept. 25. Miss Skinner objects to being termed a diseuse or a reader, dislikes to be called a monologist or a dramatist, and says, "I think I prefer 'one-woman show' at least, it has more of the tanbark to it."

First on the 1937-38 Northfield Lecture program, Miss Skinner's appearance here is expected to attract a capacity audience from Northfield and surrounding towns. Other names listed on this year's schedule include that of Cleveland P. Grant, curator of the Chicago Field Museum, who will lecture on Birds, Saturday evening, Oct. 9. Bradford Washburn, explorer and Harvard professor, is to speak here on Oct. 23, and a Dickens reader, Edward F. Payne, who also draws charcoal sketches of the characters he portrays, is booked for the evening of Dec. 11.

On Jan. 22, Sue Hastings will bring her clever Marionette show to Northfield. This is always a favorite entertainment feature at the seminary. Eva Stark, noted violinist, who made her debut with the Boston Symphony orchestra last season will present a program here on Feb. 4, accompanied by Elly Kassman, pianist.

The Jitney Players have been booked for one Saturday evening in April and on April 30, Robert Hillyer will read some of his poems. Hillyer has recently been appointed to the Cope-land Chair of poetry at Hartford.

Fine Golf Match Played Last Friday On The Hotel Links

Last Friday the Northfield hotel golf course was the scene of a most interesting golf match. Charles Round, crack amateur of Providence, R. I. and Al Raymond, pro of the home course, played Norman Vickery, professional at the Keene Country club and Rock Wheeler, Brattleboro pro, and were victorious by the score of 4 and 3. In spite of the blistering heat, quite a sizeable gallery followed the players.

Charlie Round produced a dazzling display of golf on the first five holes of the match which gave his side a commanding lead, and thereafter Raymond and Round were never headed during the remainder of the match. Two new tees were used for this occasion which makes the course about four shots more difficult in eighteen holes than formerly. The new tee on the first hole increases the yardage from 410 to 465 yards, thus making a par five hole instead of a par four. The tee on the fifth hole has been set back in the woods about 80 yards, lengthening the hole from 375 to about 460 yards. This hole is also now a par five. However, lengthening holes hold no terrors for Charlie Round as he is a truly prodigious hitter. He started his first round with a birdie four on the first, a birdie three on the second, a par four on the difficult third hole, an eagle two on the 260-yard fourth result of driving the green, and a birdie four on the fifth. Thus he had the astounding score of being five under par on the first five holes. The finest shot of the day was his cut oblique shot from the road in back of the fifth green. After being over that green with a drive and No. 2 iron, he laid the ball three feet from the hole from a seemingly impossible lie. On the sixth hole, his partner, Al Raymond, came through with a birdie three after Round had put a ball in the wa-

ter hazard. Pars followed on the seventh and eighth. On the ninth Al laid a full wood shot eight feet from the hole and dropped the putt for a birdie three. This gave the Raymond-Round combination a best ball of 30 for the first nine and a lead of three holes over Wheeler and his partner, Vickery.

Wheeler won the first hole for the visitors when he drove the fourth and two-putted for a birdie. He played a beautiful iron shot to the fifth for a birdie four which was matched with a four by Raymond. On the sixth hole Raymond again snared a birdie and closed out the match. The winners had a best ball of 66 for the match.

Schryba - Budrewicz

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 31, Miss Helen Budrewicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ignace Budrewicz of Swamp road, Greenfield was married to Stanley Schryba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Schryba of Northfield Farms road at the parsonage of All Souls Unitarian church, Greenfield by Rev. Robert J. Raible.

Mr. and Mrs. Schryba plan to make their home on the Swamp road in Greenfield. Mrs. Schryba is a native of Sunderland but attended the Greenfield schools. The groom was born and educated in Northfield and is employed at the Northfield seminary.

Given Merit Money

For prompt attention for service willingly rendered Duncan Campbell of the Northfield Hotel Garage this week was handed a \$5.00 bill by a motorist who received a complete service after he had driven to the garage. Not only was his orders for gasoline cared for but his car had received the usual attention given to all motorists who patronize the garage. The motorist was a representative of Socony-Vacuum who counts it a privilege to recognize meritorious service and generously reward it.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Majors of Providence, R. I. were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray at their summer cottage "Briar Crest."

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Goodspeed in company with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Holmes of Winchester, N. H. have returned from an automobile tour about the White Mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pearson and daughters have returned from a two week's trip to Boston, Montreal, and New York state.

Summer residents are gradually beginning to close their homes and leave for their homes. Among those going this week are Miss Therese Simar to Bronx, N. Y., Miss Alice Pedley and her neices to Elmhurst, N. Y., Miss Louise Roe to Newton, Mrs. H. P. Bruce to Greenwich, R. I., Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Woodruff to Newark, N. J., Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Berger to Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Kidder have returned from a motor vacation tour through upper Vermont.

Rev. Elliott W. Brown who is still at the hospital in Holyoke is showing noticeable improvement and hopes to return to his home soon.

Mrs. Clarence Steadler and Miss Edith Steadler have returned from a motor trip through Nova Scotia.

Associates of George L. Willis, president of Wilson's department store in Greenfield with many friends in Northfield was honored Tuesday evening at the Weldon hotel by a banquet observing his 75th birthday. Numerous letters and telegrams of felicitations were received, among them one from President Roosevelt.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean have recently had as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Van W. Hinckley of Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Beals of Wisconsin.

Mrs. E. F. Howard, her son John and his wife spent the holiday week-end with relatives and friends in Wallingford, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Fay Smith of Leominster are spending this week end with his mother, Mrs. N. Fay Smith at her home on Birnam-road.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyde have just returned from a pleasant vacation spent at Rockport and Gloucester during which time they enjoyed meeting Prof. Duley formerly of Northfield seminary and other friends from town.

Miss Caroline B. Lane of Highland avenue will spend the coming fall and winter at the Vernon Home.

Mrs. Grace Peck who has spent the summer at her cottage in Mountain Park left Wednesday to visit her daughter at Syracuse, N. Y.

Miss Elva Howell has just returned from a trip by motor through the White Mountains.

Genevieve B. Alexander has entered the training school for nurses at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital.

Miss Rena Tyler of Brattleboro spent the holiday week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Tyler on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy VanHofen and daughter of Cranford, N. J. have spent the past two weeks with her father, J. F. Bittinger at his home on Main street. Miss Adele Bittinger of Ocala, Fla., a cousin is visiting at the home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fuller and daughters of Springfield, who have spent the summer with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke of Rustic Ridge have returned to their homes.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Watson are closing their home on Linden avenue for the season. Mr. Watson returns to his pastoral duties at Jamaica, but Mrs. Watson will remain a while longer at the Northfield hotel. Their sons, Robert and Alton, spent last week-end with them here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Barrows and family have returned from a vacation spent at Chatham, Mass.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Jack of Hazleton, Pa., have arrived in Northfield with their furniture in moving vans and have taken possession of their home on Highland avenue to become permanent residents here. The Press in behalf of our people extend a most cordial welcome.

Mrs. Howard Briggs has returned to Northfield after a summer spent at her home in Malden.

Bids Requested

The post office department at Washington has asked for bids for the rental of space for the East Northfield post office for the next two years with the privilege of renewal. This is the usual procedure though it is not likely that any other place can be found except the present location, which is quite satisfactory to all patrons.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Griggs and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Newton are enjoying a well earned vacation by taking a motor trip and visiting relatives in Troy, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McDermott have closed their cottage in Mountain Park and returned to their home in Brooklyn.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Jones have returned from a visit to their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mahoney at Cleveland, Ohio.

Lyle Giamler who has been on the teaching staff for the past two years at Mount Hermon school, has resigned to accept a position at Bates college at Lewiston, Me., teaching English.

John M. Spoor, manager of the DuPont munition plant at Kingston, N. Y. spent last week-end at the summer home of Miss Ethel V. Lawrence who also has had as her guest her niece Miss Alberta Haslam of Kenil, N. J.

Trinitarian Church

Rev. W. Stanley Carno

Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 when the subject of the sermon will be "The Fruits of Christ's Sufferings." Special anthems by the choir. At 2:30, Sunday school at No. 3. At 7 meeting of the Senior Endeavor and at 8 preaching service at the vestry. Thursday at 7:30, weekly prayer service, followed by the choir rehearsal.

South Church

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner

Services will be resumed in the South church on Sunday at 10:45 o'clock. In view of the meeting of the Unitarian Laymen's League in Northfield Oct. 1-3 the pulpit will be occupied each Sunday during September by special men speakers. Rev. Everett Moore Baker one of the newly-elected vice-presidents of the American Unitarian association will speak next Sunday.

At The Victoria

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10-11 will be shown "Sworn Enemy" with Florence Rice and Robert Young. Co-feature "Mr. Cinderella" with Jack Haley and Betty Furness.

Starting Sunday, Sept. 12 for three days, "A Star Is Born" with Janet Gaynor and Frederic March in technicolor. Co-feature "White Flash" with Tex Ritter in "Sing Cowboy Sing."

Circus Profitable

The amateur circus held on Thursday of last week on the lawn of "Green Pastures" for the benefit of the senior class of the Northfield high school toward the expenses of their Washington trip netted the sum of \$60.

The senior class, through its president, desires to express in the Press its appreciation of the assistance of all who helped make the affair a success, especially to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt, the Boy Scouts, to Henry Johnson and to Ray Miller. The loan of ponies for rides is also appreciated. Thanks to all.

CHRIST FOR ALL—ALL FOR CHRIST
The Word of God
A Bible Thought For Today

No hiding from God: If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yes, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.—Psalms 139:11, 12.

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The Back Yard Gardener

Gardeners, have you ever tried to consider the "why" and "wherefore" of plant propagation? Well, I have at one time or another, and somehow I never have seemed to get very far. It all seems such a complicated affair that it's hard to find beginning or end. I never could quite get straight why some plants are propagated by seed, while others require cuttings, bulbs, roots, or some other part of the plant.

But up at Farm and Home Week I heard a talk on the subject given by a man named White, who is instructor of floriculture at the Essex County Agricultural school. He discussed plant propagation for the home flower grower, and I took pretty complete notes on his talk.

Mr. White said that propagation, which is the reproduction and multiplication of house and garden plants, really ought to be the most fascinating part of gardening to the true lover of plants. Propagation is a perfectly natural process, and the gardener can do little more than insure, intensify, and speed up the process. Plants which are reproduced from seeds are said to be propagated sexually, while if other parts of the plant are used the propagation is done asexually.

Most garden plants produce seed, but because of the hybrid nature of many kinds and because of cross-pollination, all seed won't faithfully reproduce the variety you are trying to multiply. And most house plants won't produce any seed because of the unnatural conditions under which they grow.

So, Mr. White pointed out, the gardener has to depend upon some other means of perpetuating many of his house and garden plants. And there are a number of ways in which this may be done. Division or separation, slips or cuttings, rootstocks, offsets, layers, runners, bulbs, roots, buds, leaves, and grafting are all used.

Probably the most common method of propagation is by the use of seed. The seeds of most herbaceous perennials and some woody plants are best sown in June in outdoor frames with protection from wind, sun, and rain. The seeds of annuals should be sown in a heated frame from late February on, or outdoors, depending upon the particular annual. The time of planting, however, is not the only important factor. Sterilization of the seedbed, proper management of moisture and ventilation, and control of insect and disease pests all have much to do with success.

There are many kinds of cuttings. Stem cuttings of soft-wooded plants, ordinarily root well in sand, or sand and peat. Water, peat, loam, and sphagnum moss are also used. Rooting temperatures of 60-70 degrees F. are best for most cuttings.

Cuttings of deciduous shrubs, trees and vines, taken after leaf-fall from well ripened wood are packed in boxes of moist sand. These are kept in a cool cellar over the winter and are then planted out in the spring. In general, evergreens are rooted late in autumn in a glass case with heat applied from the bottom. Rootstocks, offsets, runners and layers are elongated, prostrate stems which root naturally

LOCALS

The office of Dr. Richard G. Holton in the Bookstore Bldg. will be closed until Sept. 27 during the period of his vacation in which he expects to engage in some fishing experiences in Michigan and to enjoy the air races at Cleveland.

Rev. George A. Bronson conducted the funeral services for Frank C. Campbell of the West Gill road last Saturday afternoon at his home and the burial service in the West Gill cemetery.

At the Franklin County hospital Saturday, Sept. 4, a son, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Williams. The child is a grandson of Mrs. Catherine Herron of Leyden and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Williams of Northfield.

The old "Sankey home" on Main street, now used by the Youth Hostel as residence for the directors of the movement, and local officials has been undergoing some changes and improvements. The old dormitory front has been removed and the front porch is being taken down. The work when finished will give the house more of its former colonial appearance.

It won't be long before automobile shows will be announced and the opening of the New York show on October 27 will attract several of our local motor enthusiasts.

The series of Bible studies held each morning at the Northfield hotel since July 7th by the Rev. J. East Harrison formerly head of the department of English Bible at Mount Hermon school will conclude the series on Monday, Sept. 13.

Rev. D. B. Tompkins who recently completed the new home on Winchester road is having the grading finished and seeded into a terraced lawn.

At the registry last week a deed was recorded from Theodore R. Holton of Auburn and Henry C. Holton of West Hartford conveying to Ross L. Spencer six and three-quarters acres of property on Main street in Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith of Keene, N. H. with their two daughters will occupy the home of Mrs. A. L. Woodbury on the Winchester road. Mrs. Smith is a sister of Mrs. Lawrence D. Quinlan and Mr. Smith is the New England field manager for the J. R. Watkins Co.

and easily at the joints or tips as soon as these are brought in contact with the soil. Plants that grow from bulbs offer a simple means of propagation. Scales of lily bulbs grow into flowering bulbs in three years, and Hyacinth bulbs may be multiplied by "notching" or "scooping."

Grafting and budding are ancient methods, but they still hold a fascination for the amateur gardener. Fruit trees are usually grafted, but such plants as roses, cacti, baby's breath, potatoes, tomatoes, and some vines respond to this method.

Altogether, getting plants to grow from their parts, whether they be seed, bud, stem, leaf, or root, gives a glimpse into the mysteries of plant life in the garden. It is something for every gardener to study.

LOCALS

Electric lights in the rear of the South church remind us that the horse shoe club is engaging in some keen competition these fine evenings. As yet we are not advised who the champions are in the sport.

The descendants of Mason Laub of Vernon held a family reunion at Old Deerfield, with a dinner in the Village hall, last Sunday. In the afternoon members visited the ancestral homestead.

The schools of Gill opened last Tuesday and among the teachers chosen for this year are Mrs. Myrtle Parson and Miss Grace Randall of Northfield. Miss Marion Gee who formerly taught here is also a teacher there. Charles L. Johnson of Northfield is at present engaged in installing new furnaces in two of the schools.

The fifth annual field day of the Franklin County Sportsmen's club will be held Sunday at Millers Falls. Events begin at 10 in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kidder are removing to Brattleboro where Mr. Kidder is employed at the Manley Garage.

The iron work has arrived at the freight house for the Birmam road bridge and will be put into place immediately by the workmen.

Important improvements are being made at the Masonic hall on Parker street and it is hoped will be finished in time for the first fall session of Harmony lodge.

Stores in Greenfield will close next Wednesday afternoon to give the employees an opportunity to attend the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Woolcott and their two daughters, Berri and Marie, of Glendale, Calif., were visitors in Northfield for three days last week. Mr. Woolcott is the nephew of Mrs. E. W. Brown and Mrs. W. W. Coe. He and his family are seeing New England for the first time and are delighted with its beauty. They are touring the continent by auto having come East by a northern route, and after seeing Boston they will return by way of New York, Washington, Pittsburgh and cities farther south.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its annual meeting next Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. M. Morgan on Main street.

Miss Mildred Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pearson of Winchester road, has been promoted to office manager of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co. at Brattleboro.

The U. S. Civil Service commission is announcing examinations for the positions of machinist, machinist outside and shipfitter to fill vacancies at the Portsmouth Navy yard. Pay is \$7.48 to \$8.44 per day. Four years of experience will be required, and applicants must file for application with the Labor Board at the Navy Yard at Portsmouth, N. H. Preliminary details may be had of the secretary of the local board at the East Northfield post office.

SOUTH VERNON

South Vernon church, Rev. George A. Gray, pastor. Services Sunday 10:45, morning worship; 12:15, Church school; 7:30, evening worship. Thursday at 7 p. m. prayer service at Vernon Home.

Services at the Vernon chapel next Tuesday at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Eleanor Bruce will take a commercial course at the Northampton Commercial college.

Mrs. Julia Ennis visited her son Horace at the Veterans' hospital at Leeds last week.

Mrs. M. H. Brown was a guest of her friend Miss Edith Ellingwood at South Deerfield Tuesday.

E. W. Dunklee and son Courtland took Miss Pauline Tatham to her home in Rockland, Me., last week-end.

The funeral of Rev. Howard A. Mitchell was held at the Vernon Home Thursday of last week with Rev. George A. Gray and Rev. Curtis Stanley of Westbrook, Me., officiating. There were many floral offerings which testified to the esteem in which he was held. Burial was at Royalston, Mass.

At the annual meeting of the South Vernon P-T. A. held last Tuesday, R. E. Bruce was re-elected president, A. A. Dunklee, treasurer and Roy Dunklee secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estey of Brattleboro were week-end guests at the Vernon Home. Rev. and Mrs. Eben Lewis of Waterbury, Ct. visited the Vernon Home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miles and their sons of Bristol, Ct. spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyler and family. Miss Helen Scherlin has returned home after her summer work at Dummerston, Vt.

South Vernon in common with many other places have been experiencing the extremes of weather temperatures.

Auto Jumps Road

A Ford tudor sedan bearing Pennsylvania registration plates and the emblem of the Keystone Auto club travelling west on the road from Winchester last Friday noon ran into the soft shoulder on the north side of the road when leaving the newly paved section and careened to the opposite side of the road, running up the steep bank and hitting a tree. Fortunately the car did not tip over. In it were three women enroute from a journey through the White Mountains endeavoring to make Sunset Farm at Northfield Farms for the night. No one was injured and the car was taken to Spencer Garage for repair. The car was repaired and the occupants continued their journey home to Philadelphia on Saturday.

Entertains Gardeners

Members of the Northfield Garden club were delightfully entertained last Friday evening by a piano recital at Gladview Gardens, the summer home of Walter Cole of New London, Ct. Mr. Cole studied under pupils of both Lixt and Reinecke, and has been playing for about 15 years over the radio.

The flower program was in honor of the Garden club and included numbers by Nevin, MacDowell, Mrs. Beach, Granger, Tchaikowsky and others. Mr. Cole is not a technical expert but a real musician, and the program was a rare treat, which those who attended will remember with pleasure for some time.

Two hundred and thirty American youths are returning from their two months of hosteling in Europe this summer and among the number are David B. Stevens of Mount Hermon a member of one of the eight International groups and Archibald Stark also of Mount Hermon a member of one of the Alpine groups.

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The first session of the 75th Congress of the United States has passed into history. As was forecast at its beginning, it was the scene of some of the most bitter verbal battling of the post-war era. It deliberated some of the most important measures ever laid before the legislative branch of the government. Dominated as it was by an overwhelming party majority, it closed amid increasing inter-party strife that may revolutionize the existing two-party system.

During recent years a number of states have adopted the "basic rule" speed law—a measure whereby no fixed maximum highway speed is prescribed, but drivers are required to operate their vehicles with due care. To-day in many of those states motor vehicle officials are coming to the view that the basic rule has failed, and that a fixed speed law, rigidly enforced, is necessary to the prevention of accidents.

Virginia Dare Stamp

Our post offices now have on hand a supply of the Virginia Dare commemorative postage stamp. It is very attractive of the five-cent denomination and recalls the birth of Virginia Dare, the first white child born in America 350 years ago.

It is of unusual size, being one inch square, and is printed in light blue. The central design, enclosed in an oval, depicts Virginia Dare in the arms of her mother, who is seated in the yard of her cabin home, which is partly visible in the background. The father stands close by holding a musket. At the bottom of the stamp is the wording, "In Memory of Virginia Dare, Born Roanoke 1587."

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In this day when questions are being asked about the purpose and aim of the various schools and colleges, when parents are selecting the institutions to which they will commit the education of their children, it is refreshing to read the utterance of Headmaster David R. Porter made last February in a time when Mt. Hermon was experiencing much regrettable publicity. Mr. Porter said, "At the center of Mount Hermon school stands its religious purpose. While it is most frequently spoken of as a college-preparatory school, it cherishes an even deeper and more pervasive aim, that of establishing the Kingdom of God on the earth and of developing graduates who in all personal attitudes and all social relationships exemplify and mediate discipleship with Jesus Christ. So the primary and essential objective of the school is a religious one. To that as to a touch-stone all its activities and programs would be made subservient. In a day of much confusion and uncertainty about the ends of education, it is refreshing to be able to state so definitely the central aim and primary task of a school."

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